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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. There was considerable discussion as to why the USSR had decided to resume nuclear testing and Sherman Kent was asked to prepare a memorandum for the Director to send to the President before the close of business today.

b. The Director advised us that the President was establishing a committee with Arthur Goldberg as its chairman to survey and tell us, that is, the United States Government, how to run our psychological warfare program. All the members of the Committee, except Mr. Goldberg, are non-Government people. Out of this grew a question as to what was to happen to the Sprague Report; the Director indicated that the new Administration had no taste for the Sprague Report and that it had been given the deep fix insofar as he could figure out. In any case, it has no standing in our current planning in this Administration.

c. Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that Mr. Herter, the former Secretary of State, was forming a group, using funds from some foundation, to look into personnel serving in the foreign service, not just the foreign service of the Department of State, but all United States Government foreign service personnel. The Director indicated that he would like to write Mr. Herter a letter and express our interest in this project. (I want to make sure that Emmett Echols gets a copy of this letter and is placed in a position to follow the deliberations of the group.)

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d. The Director expressed his great pleasure with the outstanding job which [REDACTED] had done in forwarding information from [REDACTED] about the resumption of nuclear testing by the USSR.

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e. The Director referred to a paper which he had received from Mr. Kirkpatrick some time ago about "prestige housing for Agency employees." Neither Dick Bissell nor I knew what this was all about, and because we have talked about housing generally for some months now it was agreed that we three would get together sometime next week and try to present a joint recommendation to the Director.

f. The Director indicated that he thought the Charter for the 5412 Committee ought to be rewritten and asked Dick Bissell to go ahead and initiate action in this regard during his absence.

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g. I reported to the Director that [REDACTED] had received a very nice memorandum from Bill Crockett of the Department of State expressing his appreciation for the service rendered to the Under Secretary's conference [REDACTED]. I also said that Mr. Crockett and several of his associates had spent some time visiting our Communications facility in [REDACTED] and expressed themselves as being most impressed with it. More important, they seemed completely satisfied that all traffic was being handled in accordance with precedence indicators and that the Department's traffic was not being deferred in any way. Out of this grew a brief discussion of other communications problems and the Director said that Tom [REDACTED] of General Taylor's Staff was preparing a paper on the status of communications generally in the Government with particular emphasis on our ability to communicate from critical points. (I reported this to [REDACTED] and he will get in touch with [REDACTED] to make sure that he is cut in on what is going on.)

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h. Mr. Kirkpatrick raised a question on sheep-dipping and said that there was some congressional interest in this now. I gather that this grows out of Senator Lister Hill's interest in the four [REDACTED] who were lost. I think that things are in hand, but at least one of the families believes that some may still be alive. In any case, I have spoken to Emmett Echols about this and want to follow up to make sure that we study this matter thoroughly and promptly.

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i. Mr. Kirkpatrick announced that the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board would meet in Washington, D. C., on 19 September. We do not have an agenda yet and do not know what will be expected of the Agency.

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j. [REDACTED] announced that the President had acknowledged receipt of our progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Study Group and had expressed his desire to have a semiannual report in the future; the next one will be due on 21 March 1962. This is a proper chore for the SPA to undertake insofar as DD/S is concerned.

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k. In connection with our discussion on communications, General Cabell pointed out that we had been able once again to supply communications from [REDACTED] when all other means were cut off. The Director asked him to report this to the 5412 Group tomorrow, and I arranged to have [REDACTED] furnish an aide-memoire for this purpose.

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2. Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] were up to see me about the TSD construction at [REDACTED]. Inasmuch as TSD has never had a project approved for this construction, I telephoned [REDACTED] and advised him that he would have to get the Director's signature on a piece of paper before we could proceed. I also reminded

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25X1A1d him of my strong feeling that they should have a detailed plan for this entire move and  
invited his attention to the instructions which he received from the Director's office  
to this effect. However, inasmuch as the [REDACTED] Officer on the  
25X1A [REDACTED] has already advertised for bids through some series of unaccountable  
25X1A events, I urged [REDACTED] to expedite this paper and not hold it up for a detailed plan.  
This one almost got out of hand and I think that we must take some steps to see that  
they are handled better in the future.

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4. [REDACTED] was in to see me for a few minutes.

a. He was outgoing in his expression of admiration for [REDACTED]  
He said that Bill was doing a wonderful job and that he certainly wanted  
to emphasize that any reservations he had about him when he first inter-  
viewed him were entirely erroneous.

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b. He was also very pleased with the air-conditioning which I approved  
when I was in [REDACTED] this January; he said that it really paid off during the  
crisis over there when they were working around the clock during very hot  
weather.

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[REDACTED]

5. Emmett Echols reported that the DD/P [REDACTED] exercise was nearing completion  
and that he had been promised the information from Mr. Bissell by 8 September.

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6. General Cabell buzzed to say that the Director had received a call from Elmer  
Staats who wanted to know when we would get our budget submission to the Bureau. I  
told General Cabell that our deadline was the end of the month and that we certainly  
intended to make it. I confirmed this with Ed Saunders and also asked Ed to expedite  
the submission of the budget as much as possible.

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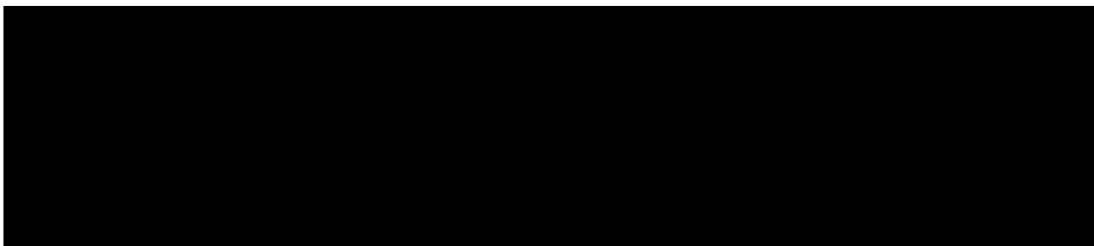
25X1A9a 8. Shef Edwards alerted me that they were ordering home a man named Gordon 25X1A6a  
25X1A6a [redacted] a GS-13 Operations Officer, who had had some contact with the [redacted]  
in [redacted] which was not authorized and about which there was some question. He is  
being escorted home by the Administrative Officer [redacted] 25X1A6a

9. I had a talk with Shef later in the day about his trip to Europe and one or two other items.

a. He found things in Europe going very well indeed. However, he reported that he thought the morale in [redacted] was not at all good and that the feeling between [redacted] was not good either. He felt particularly that the Support people believed that they had been treated badly, etc., etc.

25X1A9a b. Insofar as [redacted] is concerned, the matter which he went there to talk to [redacted] about was handled satisfactorily. [redacted] 25X1A9a  
25X1A9a was very much a man about the whole thing and the other party concerned is being ordered home. Shef was very complimentary about the way in which [redacted] handled himself.

c. Insofar as Support generally was concerned he thought that it appeared to be excellent in all of the places he visited.



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